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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on receipt of a proposed revision to Duke Power's Existing Residential Housing Program to provide for financing of energy efficient central air conditioning systems. At present, the program provides financing to residential customers for electric heat pumps, electric water heaters, and/or to make energy efficiency improvements to their homes, and is a Demand Side Management program contained in Duke Power's Integrated Resource Plan.

Duke Power notes that many customers each year have old, inefficient central air conditioning systems which need to be replaced. By providing financing, Duke Power states that the customer is encouraged to purchase a more efficient system than he might otherwise select. Replacement of inefficient systems with higher efficiencies will help reduce summer peak demand, according to Duke Power.

Duke Power requests that we find this proposal to be consistent with Commission-approved Integrated Resource Planning procedures as established for Duke

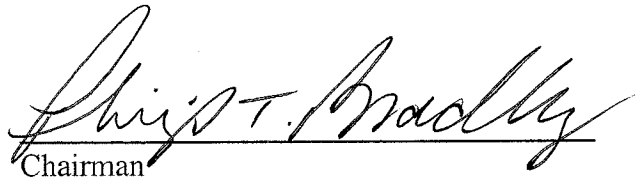
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Power. We find that the proposed revision to the Existing Residential Housing Program is consistent with said procedures as filed.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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